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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, GT

SUBJ: STUDENT DEATH ANGERS STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

REF: GUATEMALA 3768

1. THE BODY OF 20-YEAR-OLD MEDICAL STUDENT AND PRIMARY SCHOOLTEACHER, JORGE LUIS RODRIGUEZ BRACAMONTE, WAS DISCOVERED IN THE CAPITAL AUGUST 5. THE PRESS REPORTED THE BODY WAS STABBED, SHOT AND SHOWED SIGNS OF TORTURE. VICTIM'S MOTHER STATED HE WAS KIDNAPPED AUGUST 3 BY ARMED MEN RIDING IN BRONCO JEEPS WITH CONCEALED PLATES. NEWSPAPERS QUOTED FAMILY SOURCES AS HAVING BEEN INFORMED THAT RODRIGUEZ WAS DETAINED BY POLICE.

2. DURING SEPARATE MEETINGS AUGUST 5 THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (AEU) AND NATIONAL TEACHERS' FRONT (FNM) VOTED TO SUSPEND ALL ACTIVITIES DURING THREE DAYS OF MOURNING. THE AEU AND UNIVERSITY RECTOR DEMANDED FROM THE MINISTER OF GOVT AN EXPLANATION OF THE INCIDENT. THE GOVT REPLIED THAT THE MURDER COULD HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY COMMON CRIMINALS.

3. FUNERAL PROCESSION FOR RODRIGUEZ MORNING OF AUGUST 7  
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WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 300 SOLEMN, ORDERLY STUDENTS,

TEACHERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS.

COMMENT: RODRIGUEZ' DEATH BEARS MANY MARKS OF A GOG  
ACTION AND MAY GIVE FURTHER IMPETUS TO AEU AND FNM'S  
PROTEST MARCH AGAINST HIGH COST OF LIVING, SCHEDULED  
TO BEGIN AT 1700 HOURS AUGUST 7.  
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